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PENZANCE (HAYLE DIVISION) PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY
ANNUAL REPORT OF PORT MEDICAL OFFICER & PORT HEALTH INSPECTOR

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To Chairman and Members of the Port Health Committee.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I present the Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1964.

In May a case of tuberculosis on one of the regular coastwise ships visiting the port was investigated and followed up through the District Medical Officer of Health. The case was a local man taken ill ashore and admitted to Hospital. No infected contacts were discovered.

Messrs. Mayer Newman, one of the scrap metal merchants, moved their business away from the dock area, which tidied up the end of the dock visible from the main road.

Some passenger traffic passed through this year, but this was due entirely to adverse weather conditions when the Scillonian was diverted from Penzance.

Concern over traders' practice of depositing rubbish in the dock resulted in the District Council considering and adopting a scheme of collection of refuse and this, when operating, would no doubt assist in preventing this.

The various alternative schemes of sewage disposal for the town had been pursued during the year resulting in the adoption of the contact aeration process and with efforts to site the works at East Quay. The Consulting Engineers were also active on a separate scheme of sewerage and sewage disposal affecting the Hayle Towans area. It is hoped that the point would be reached in 1965 when more speedy progress could be made and practical implementation of both these schemes would be realized.

14 bodies passed through the mortuary during the year.

I am,

Mr. Chairm and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

P.E. Morris,

Port Medical Officer

Council Offices,
38, Chapel Street,
Penzance.

6. 6. 1965

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FOR THE YEAR 1964

SECTION I - STAFF

Table "A"

<u>Name of Officer</u>	<u>Nature of Appointment</u>	<u>Date of Appointment</u>	<u>Qualification</u>	<u>Any other appointment held</u>
P.E. Morris	Port Health Medical Officer	1st April 1952	M.B. Ch.B.	Police Surgeon Certifying Factory Doctor
J.W. Hitchens	Port Health Inspector	1st October 1952	P.H.I. Cert. M & F.I. Cert. R.S.I.& S.I.E.J.B.	Chief Public Health Inspector, West Penwith R.D.C.

Address and Telephone Number of Port Medical Officer of Health: "Bonaer", Hayle 2315

SECTION II - Amount of Shipping entering the District during the year
Table "B"

<u>Ships from</u>	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>	<u>No. inspected by</u>		<u>No. of ships reported as having or having had during the voyage infectious disease on board.</u>
			<u>M.O.H.</u>	<u>P.H.I.</u>	
Foreign Ports	11	5934	9	Nil	Nil
Coastwise	292	161385	25	Nil	1
Total	303	167319	34	Nil	1

SECTION III - Character of Shipping and Trade during year

Passenger Traffic	(Number of passengers	INWARDS	-	300
	" " "	OUTWARDS	-	125
Cargo Traffic	(Principal Imports	...	Coal, Cement, Potatoes, Sulphur, Oil, Timber.	
	(Principal Exports	...	Scrap Metals.	
Principal Ports from which ships arrive		...	Blythe, Goolc, Port of London, Fawley, Barry, Belfast, Milford Haven, Bayonne, Rathmullen, Baltic	

SECTION IV - Inland Barge Traffic

Number and tonnage using the district and places served by the traffic - Nil

SECTION VWater Supply

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| (1) Source of supply for (a) the district | ... | Mains supply from Drift via Mellanear filtered, chlorinated and pH corrected. |
| (b) shipping | ... | Supply pipes taken through the docks with water points at intervals at dock side. |
| (2) Reports of tests for contamination | ... | Samples satisfactory. |
| (3) Precautions taken against contamination of hydrants and hosepipes. | ... | One person charged by Dock Undertakers to maintain water points and equipment in satisfactory condition. |
| (4) Number and sanitary conditions of water boats and powers of control by the Authority. | ... | Nil |
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SECTION VIPublic Health (Ships) Regulations 1952/61

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| (1) List of infected areas (Reg.6) | - | Weekly records of Quarantinable Diseases are received and amendment of the list as applied to the Home Trade Ports made as and when required. This information is supplied to Pilots and Customs Officers where circumstances warrant. |
| (2) Radio Messages. | - | This is not a radio transmitting or receiving Port but arrangements are made with the dock owners to forward any radio messages they may receive in connection with infectious diseases. |
| (3) Notifications otherwise than by radio | - | Arrangements made with Pilots and Customs Officers for notification and despatch of "Declarations of Health". |
| (4) Mooring Stations | - | Stations have with approval of Harbour Master and Customs Officers been sited in the bay. |
| (5) Arrangements for:- | | |
| (a) Hospital Accommodation for infectious diseases | - | County Isolation Hospital, Truro, through No.1. Health Area Office, Penzance. |
| (b) Surveillance and follow up of contacts | - | Through normal channels of Public Health Department of Rural District Council and No.1. Health Area Office. |
| (c) Cleansing and Disinfection of ships, persons, clothing and other articles | - | Disinfection of ships carried out under direction of Port Health Inspector. No facilities for personal cleansing. Clothing etc. steam disinfected at West Cornwall Hospital, Penzance, by arrangement. |
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SECTION VIISmallpox

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| (1) Name of Isolation Hospital to which cases are sent from the District. | - | Smallpox Hospital, Liskeard. |
| (2) Arrangements for transport of such cases to that hospital by ambulance etc. | - | Dr. D.L.Johnson (Area M.O.H) & Dr. St.John Brooks (West Cornwall Hospital) are the consultants who would be contacted and would arrange laboratory diagnosis and transport. |
| (3) Name(s) of smallpox consultant(s) | - | |
| (4) Facilities for Laboratory diagnosis | - | |

SECTION VIII

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Venereal Disease

Location, days and hours of the available facilities for the diagnosis and treatment of venereal disease among merchant seamen.

West Cornwall Hospital, Penzance
V.D. Clinic, every Thursday at 3 p.m.
Customs Offices advise contact direct with M.O.H.'s surgery or Health Dept., West Penwith R.D.C. Penzance.

SECTION IX
Table "D"

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Cases of Notifiable and other Infectious Diseases on Ships

<u>Category</u>	<u>No. of cases during the year</u>			<u>No. of ships concerned</u>
	<u>Disease</u>	<u>Passengers</u>	<u>Crew</u>	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases landed from other ships	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

SECTION X

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Observations on the occurrence of Malaria in Ships

No ships from areas of epidemic malaria visited the Port and I have no observations to make on its occurrence in those ships from foreign Ports visiting Hayle.

SECTION XI

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Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected for plague

No measures necessary

SECTION XII

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Measures against rodents in ships from Foreign Ports

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| (1) Procedure for inspection. | - | Routine examination. Validity of deratting or deratting exemption certificates. |
| (2) Arrangements for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents etc. | - | Public Health Laboratory Service, Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro. No rodents sent for examination during the year. |
| (3) Arrangements for deratting ships, methods used etc. | - | Hayle is not an approved Port for this purpose. If necessary ships directed to Falmouth or other approved Port. |
| (4) Progress in the ratproofing of ships. | - | Nil |

Table "E"

Rodents destroyed during the year
in ships from Foreign Ports - Nil

Table "F"

Deratting Certificates and Deratting
Exemption Certificates issued during
the year for ships from Foreign Ports - Nil

SECTION XIII - Inspection of ships for Nuisances

Table "G"

Inspections and Notices

<u>Nature and Number</u> <u>of Inspections</u>	<u>Notices served</u>		<u>Results of</u> <u>Serving Notice</u>
	<u>Statutory Notices.</u>	<u>Other Notices</u>	
As in Table "B"	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	34	Nil	Nil

SECTION XIV - Public Health (Shell-Fish)
Regulations 1934 - 1948

Not applicable

SECTION XV - Medical Inspections of Aliens

Not applicable.

SECTION XVI - Miscellaneous

Arrangements for the burial on shore of persons who have died on board ship from infectious disease. - Port M.O.H. in conjunction with District M.O.H. institute procedure prescribed by Section 162 P.H.A.1936.
